

Attn: FOIA Officer

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. subsection 552, I am requesting all emails: sent between Jan. 1, 2020 and Feb. 10, 2021, from staffers in EPA's Office of Research and Development, including the search term "PFBS."

I am only requesting publicly available information. Please exclude confidential business information. If there is a way to better narrow these search terms in a way that is mutually beneficial, I would be happy to work with EPA to do so.

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Waiver of All Costs

I request a waiver of all costs associated with fulfilling this submission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The information provided by the agency will be used for the following activities: following up on E&E's earlier reporting regarding a toxicity health assessment for PFBS, part of the PFAS family. There has been significant controversy around that assessment and there is public concern about how it was handled. Conversations involving ORD staffers will help my readership have a better understanding of the issue and the implications for public health and government decisions around PFAS.

If this request is denied in full or in part, please cite the exemptions pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) that justify the denial. If an exemption applies, however, please consider exercising the agency's discretionary release powers to disclose the records. Additionally, please release all reasonably segregable portions of the records as they are collected. If you have any questions about handling this request, please don't hesitate to call me at the following number 413-341-7591 or email me at ecrunden@gmail.com or ecrunden@eenews.net.

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